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Modification to Phytosanitary Standards for Nuts and Processed Vegetables and Vegetable Products Imports

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Report Highlights:

On February 1, 2005, Mexico's Ministry of Agriculture modified the phytosanitary standards for imports of nuts and processed vegetables and vegetable products. No adverse trade impact is expected due to its implementation.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official announcement published in Mexico's *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) on February 1, 2005.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: Modification to NOM-044-FITO-2002, phytosanitary requirements and specifications for the importation of nuts and processed and dehydrated vegetable products and sub products.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On February 1, 2005, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published a modification to NOM-044-FITO-1995 — which now becomes NOM-044-FITO-2002 — in response to trading partners' better implementation of phytosanitary measures and to comply with Mexico's obligations under the WTO SPS Agreement.

In recognition of its trading partners' more effective implementation of phytosanitary measures, Mexico, through this modification, is no longer requiring that the "free of *Trogoderma granarium*" statement appear on the phytosanitary certificate for exports from third countries which are transhipped through the United States before arriving at their final destination in Mexico. FAS/Mexico had previously reported on NOM-044-FITO-1995 in MX 9081. This report remains the same except for Table 16, which will change, where applicable, to reflect the fact that the "free of *Trogoderma granarium*" statement is no longer required.

The current modification is expected to ease the transshipment process of the affected products through the United States provided that all shipments present both the international phytosanitary certificate indicating the place of origin as well as the re-export certificate issued by the appropriate agricultural authority.

Background: On June 21, 1999 the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (formerly SAGAR) published NOM-044-FITO-1995, which imposed new phytosanitary requirements for the import of nuts, processed and dried vegetables (see MX9081).

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